

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

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1. A method for launching a web browser application on a user's computer, comprising the steps of:

5 providing a browser application on the user's computer that is launchable in response to predetermined browser inputs being received by the user's computer;

providing a non-browser input that is not a portion of the set of predetermined browser inputs;

10 correlating the non-browser input to simulate one or more of the predetermined browser inputs as a simulated browser input; and

launching the web browser on the user's computer with this simulated browser input to access information on a network.

2. The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of providing a non-browser input comprises:

providing a first portion of the non-browser input that is generated local and external to the user's computer at the user's location;

5 providing a second portion of the non-browser input that is retrievable from a separate location than the first portion; and

combining the first and second portions to provide the non-browser input.

3. The method of Claim 2, wherein the second portion is not retrieved from a location local to the user's computer.

4. The method of Claim 3, wherein the step of providing the second portion comprises retrieving the second portion from a location on the network by accessing the network from the user's computer to an intermediate location on the network, retrieving the second portion therefrom and transferring the retrieved second portion back to the user's computer for use by the step of combining.

5. The method of Claim 2, wherein the step of providing the first portion comprises reading a machine readable code, the step of reading a machine readable code comprising causing the generation of the first portion.

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